

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mazumder

Serial No.: 10/629,062

Group No.: 1762

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Examiner: M. Padgett

For: FABRICATION OF CUSTOMIZED DIE INSERTS USING CLOSED-LOOP DIRECT METAL DEPOSITION (DMD™)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 9, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-14 and Species i) (aluminum-based substrate and molybdenum-based coating), with traverse. The Examiner's argument that the product can be made by virtually any metal coating technique is not persuasive, as all of the claims of this application are based on claim 1, and it would not represent any undue burden to examine all of the pending claims at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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